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SUBJ: FOREIGN STUDENT PROGRAM: NAMIBIA

ON RECENT VISIT TO WINDHOEK THREE PROSPECTIVE CANDIDATES
WERE IDENTIFIED FOR STUDY PROGRAM. POST URGES THAT EVERY
EFFORT BE MADE TO PROCESS THEIR APPLICATIONS FOR SEPTEMBER
1977 ENROLLMENT. POST WILL EVENTUALLY FORWARD STANDARD
IIE APPLICATIONS BUT IN INTERIM WILL FORWARD COPIES OF LOCAL
APPLICATIONS. MEANWHILE, REQUEST DEPARTMENT
EXPLORE PROSPECTS FOR PLACEMENT WITH IIE.
FIRST CANDIDATE ALREADY HAS BA DEGREE IN SOCIAL WORK AND
COMPARES FAVORABLY WITH AVERAGE SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATE FROM
SOUTH AFRICA. URBANUS B. DAX HAS VERY STRONG REFERENCES
AND APPEARS ABLE AND MATURE.
SECOND CANDIDATE HAS COMPLETED THREE YEARS ARCHITECTURE
PROGRAM AT UNIVERSITY CAPE. NIKOLAUS BESSINGER THEN HAD
TO DROP OUT DUE TO FAMILY REASONS. SUBSEQUENTLY HAS
BEEN WORKING FOR ARCHITECTURAL FIRM IN WINDHOEK. WHEN
HE RECEIVES DEGREE HE WILL BE FIRST BLACK IN NAMIBIA TO
BE PROFESSIONALLY QUALIFIED IN ARCHITECTURE. PERSONALLY
HE WAS MOST IMPRESSIVE CANDIDATE INTERVIEWED. IF
UNABLE ACCOMMODATE HIM BECAUSE OF HIS SUBJECT FIELD, UNDER
SPECIAL FUNDING, WE SHOULD BE ABLE FUND HIM UNDER
REGULAR PROGRAM.
THIRD CANDIDATE, CHEDEKIAS AXARA TSOWASEB, COMPLETED
TWO YEARS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION
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AT UNIVERSITY ZULULAND, BEFORE DROPPING OUT DUE TO
CLOSURE THAT UNIVERSITY. (AS THERE IS GENERAL MOVEMENT
IN NAMIBIA TO BOYCOTT SA APARTHEID INSTITUTIONS INCLUDING
BLACK UNIVERSITIES, CANDIDATE IS ADVERSE TO RETURNING TO
ZULULAND). CANDIDATE WOULD LIKE TO CONTINUE IN PUBLIC
ADMINISTRATION.

ONE MAJOR PROBLEM RELATING TO CANDIDATES FROM NAMIBIA IS
THAT THERE ARE NO TESTING FACILITIES PRESENTLY AVAILABLE
THERE. AS WINDHOEK IS APPROXIMATELY ONE THOUSAND
MILES FROM NEAREST TESTING CENTER AND AT COST BEYOND
CAPACITY OF THESE STUDENTS, TO PAY, POST WOULD NOT BE
ABLE TO DIRECT THEM TO NEAREST CENTER. EITHER ARRANGE-
MENTS SHOULD BE MADE FOR WAIVER OF THESE EXAMS OR
ARRANGEMENTS MADE FOR EMBASSY OFFICER TO PERSONALLY
ADMINISTER NECESSARY TESTS IN WINDHOEK.
ALL THREE CANDIDATES HAVE MORE THAN SUFFICIENT KNOWLEDGE
OF ENGLISH IN JUDGEMENT OF EMBASSY INTERVIEWING OFFICER.
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